## **SHARPS**



Mark item with identifiers and preserve any evidence adhering to the items.



Package in knife box or other sharps container.



Secure items in knife box with plastic ties and seal all containers with evidence tape.

## Don'ts

- Don't attempt to recap syringe.
- Don't use the styrofoam if the item is considered biological evidence.
- Don't air dry items found in water. Keep in original water.
- Use extreme care when dealing with syringes. If possible wear protective gloves and face gear.
- If item contains wet blood or body fluids, air dry in a drying locker before packaging.
- If recovered in water keep submersed in the same water and package in water filled container.
- A sheathe may be packaged with a knife unless evidentiary value will be damaged.
- Pieces of broken glass must be packaged in a box. Avoid packaging several pieces of glass in one container to protect potential evidence.
- Always plainly mark the storage box with the word SHARPS or affix a SHARPS sticker.